

# AMENDMENTS IN SPECSINTACT

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# CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

SPECSINTACT With SGML

Slow	Fast
Unreliable	Reliable
Unfriendly	Friendly
No Graphics	32 BIT Editor (?)
No Amendments	CSSC Rec No. 7 (?)



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# AMENDMENTS

Many Ways to Do Business

- No Specific Guidance Exists
  - ♦ Replace Changed Pages
  - ♦ Replace Entire Sections
  - ♦ Provide Narrative Descriptions
- Must be a Flexible Process



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## SPECSINTACT With SGML

### Standard Automated Specification System

- Mandated to Standardize Specifications
- Make Enhancements for Amendments
- Standardize the Amendment Processes
- Must Provide Flexible Process



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## Current Text Marking Problems

### Difficulties and Issues Creating Amendments

- Marking Text Changes
  - ♦ In Margins (\*)
  - ♦ Tags in Text ( \1 \ ... /1 / )
  - ♦ Redlines (<DEL> and <ADD>)
- Execute Revisions
- Subpart Numbering



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## Current Pagination Problems

### Difficulties and Issues Creating Amendments

- ♦ Predicting Page Breaks
- ♦ Other Page Problems
  - Additional Footer Line
  - Additional Page(s)
  - Page Ranges



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## Current File Management Problems

### Difficulties and Issues Creating Amendments

- ♦ Tracking Amendment Files
  - Duplicate Section File Names
  - Consolidate Multiple Files



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## “ORIGINAL” CONTRACT DOCUMENT

### What is it?

- “ORIGINAL” Document
  - ♦ The One Last Changed to Produce a Copy
- All Amendments are “ORIGINAL” Documents
- Re-advertise Amended Jobs as New Jobs
  - ♦ All Prior Amendments Are Assimilated



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## PROPOSED AMENDMENT PROCESS

### SPECSINTACT With SGML

- Assign Amendment Number
- Archive Job in PDF File Folders
- WYSIWYG Print Preview
- Amendment Print Options
  - ♦ Single Line Footer
  - ♦ Alphanumeric Pagination



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## INTERIM AMENDMENT PROCESS

### In the Meantime

- Use Revisions (Redlining)
- PDF Documents
  - ♦ PrintOptimized
- Use Adobe Acrobat
  - ♦ Touch Up Tools
- Example of One Way to Do It



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## AMENDMENTS IN SPECSINTACT

### Conclusion

♦ Questions?

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